

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yasutomo KUSUNOKI et al.

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Examiner: Eun Hee Chung

For: PISTON DESIGN SUPPORT PROGRAM, DESIGN SUPPORT METHOD, AND DESIGN  
SUPPORT APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on April 16, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.